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SUBJECT: HERALD TRIBUNE ITEM: NATO OFFICIALS BACK AIRBORNE  
WARNING FLEET

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE RAN SHORT COLUMN ON AWACS E3A  
IN NOV 1-2 EDITION DATED LINE BRUSSELS, OCT 31 (AP). SUBJECT AS  
ABOVE. BEGIN QUOTE:

ARMAMENTS OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS NATO ALLIES  
AGREED YESTERDAY TO RECOMMEND A \$1.5 BILLION FLEET OF RADAR-  
EQUIPPED PLANES TO WARN AND DEFEND WESTERN EUROPE AGAINST  
AIR ATTACK IN THE 1980S, ACCORDING TO A PARTICIPANT.

THE FLEET, CALLED AWACS - AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM -  
WOULD INITIALLY INCLUDE ABOUT 25 PLANES AT \$60 MILLION EACH.  
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THE BOEING 707,  
CONVERTED FOR MILITARY USE AS THE E-3A, IS A PRIME CONTENDER.  
COSTS, MANUFACTURE AND OPERATIONS WOULD BE SHARED BY VIRTUALLY  
ALL MEMBERS OF NATO, INCLUDING FRANCE, WHICH HAS BOYCOTTED

MANY OTHER NATO MILITARY PROJECTS.

THE RECOMMENDATION, APPROVED AT A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENT DIRECTORS WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY, GOES TO THE 15 NATO GOVERNMENTS AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A MEETING OF 15.

A PARTICIPANT IN THE CONFERENCE SAID THAT THE AWACS PLANES WOULD PATROL WESTERN EUROPE SOME DISTANCE BACK FROM THE BORDERS OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO DETECT ANY INCOMING ATTACKERS, INCLUDING THOSE FLYING LOW ENOUGH TO ESCAPE RADAR DETECTION FROM THE GROUND. END TEXT.STREATOR

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